

What is Claimed is:

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1. A method comprising:

- a) producing a plurality of digital certificates for a plurality of individual customers, wherein each individual customer is associated with an account;
- b) associating the accounts of the individual customers with the corresponding digital certificates of the individual customers;
- c) producing at least one card for each of the individual customers, wherein each card includes a first visible indicia thereon which corresponds to a source indicator mark for a digital signature service, wherein each card includes machine readable data corresponding to an account number associated with the account of the individual customer;
- d) sending the cards to the individual customers; and
- e) enabling each individual customer to digitally sign an electronic document using any one of a plurality of automated transaction machines and one of the cards, wherein each automated transaction machine is operative to display a visual representation of the electronic document through a display device of the automated transaction machine, wherein each automated transaction machine is operative to cause the electronic document to be digitally signed through communication with the digital signature service, wherein the communication includes the account number read from the card by the automated transaction machine.

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2. The method according to claim 1, wherein in step (e) each of the machines includes a second visible indicia which corresponds to a source indicator mark for the digital signature service.

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3. The method according to claim 2, wherein in step (e) the second indicia is displayed adjacent a fascia of the automated transaction machines, wherein the first indicia and the second indicia are visually similar.

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4. The method according to claim 1, wherein in step (a) each digital certificate includes a public key that corresponds to a private key, wherein in step (c) the digital signature service is operative to cause the electronic document to be

digitally signed responsive to the private key that corresponds to the public key of the digital certificate which is associated with the account of the individual customer using the machine.

[c5] 5. The method according to claim 1, wherein in step (e) the digital signature service is operative to access a private key associated with the account number read from the card, wherein the digital signature service is operative cause the electronic document to be digitally signed responsive to the private key.

[c6] 6. The method according to claim 1, wherein in step (c) the cards correspond to financial account cards, wherein the accounts correspond to financial accounts.

[c7] 7. The method according to claim 6, wherein in step (e) the automated transaction machines are operative to cause processing fees to be assessed for the digital signing of electronic documents, and further comprising:
f) enabling an entity that manages the financial accounts for the individual customers to receive at least a portion of the processing fees.

[c8] 8. The method according to claim 1, wherein in step (e) the automated transaction machines include digitizing signature pads, wherein the automated transaction machines are operative to include handwritten signature data captured with the digitizing signature pads in the electronic documents.

[c9] 9. The method according to claim 1, wherein at least some of the automated transaction machines include cash dispensers, wherein the automated transaction machines that include cash dispensers are further operative to dispense cash.

[c10] 10. The method according to claim 9, wherein in step (c) the cards correspond to bank cards, wherein the accounts correspond to banking accounts, and wherein the automated transaction machines include cash dispensers, and wherein the automated transaction machines are further operative to dispense cash withdrawn from the banking accounts.

[c11] 11. The method according to claim 1, wherein in step (a) the accounts correspond to digital safe deposit accounts, wherein in step (c) the cards

correspond to digital safe deposit account cards.